

The “Polly” Award



Polly Rosenbaum

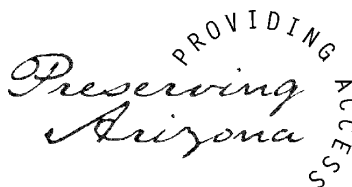
In 1999, the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records established the Polly Rosenbaum award in recognition of Polly’s tireless support for libraries, museums, archives, and the preservation of Arizona’s rich cultural history.

This award connotes a special acknowledgment of elected or appointed officials (not on the current Library Board) who cherish Arizona’s rich cultural resources and support the work of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

Nominations are made by employees of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, and the members of the Friends of Arizona Archives, and Arizona State Capitol Museum Guild.

The Selection Committee includes one professional staff person from each agency division, one representative from the Friends of Arizona Archives, and one representative from the Arizona State Capitol Museum Guild. Agency Division Directors chair the committee on a rotating basis.

The “Polly” Award is presented annually during Statehood Day celebrations at the State Capitol.



Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

Winners of the 2006 "Polly" Award



Lorraine Frank

The Arizona Humanities Council's founding executive director, Lorraine W. Frank, died December 22, 2005, after a short hospital stay. She was 82.

During her tenure from 1973 to 1989, Ms Frank oversaw the distribution of \$3 million for cultural activities. A graduate of Vassar College, she was active in the community through work on local, state, and national boards, served on the board of the National Council on the Humanities, and on the Democratic National Committee. Lorraine served as co-chair, with Marshall Trimble, of the Governor's Countdown to the Centennial Committee, and Governor Napolitano appointed her in 2003 to the Board of Regents.

She was the recipient of a number of honors and awards, including the Sharlot Hall Award in 1995, a Susan B. Anthony Luminary Award in 1999, and honorary doctorates from the University of Arizona and Arizona State University.



Virginia Ullman

Virginia Melody Ullman, a leading Valley philanthropist, died peacefully at her home in Phoenix on May 27, 2005.

Ms. Ullman first came to the Valley in 1937, serving as chairman of the Phoenix Red Cross Nurses Aid Program during WWII. In 1951 she married George Ullman, founder and chairman of Sun Chemical Corp., and lived in New York City. In the mid 1950's, she and her husband became full time residents of Phoenix, and Virginia devoted the rest of her life to serving Phoenix and Arizona. It would be hard to find any one person who has affected so many areas of the arts in the last 30 years more than Virginia Ullman. Her commitment to the arts was matched only by her beneficence to the community at large. She served as a founding board member of many organizations and on the boards of many more.

In 1998, Mrs. Ullman made a donation to Phoenix Art Museum to fund a new and expanded gallery for the work of Arizona artist, Philip C. Curtis. Additional significant donations included the Heard Museum, The Phoenix Zoo and the Desert Botanical Garden.